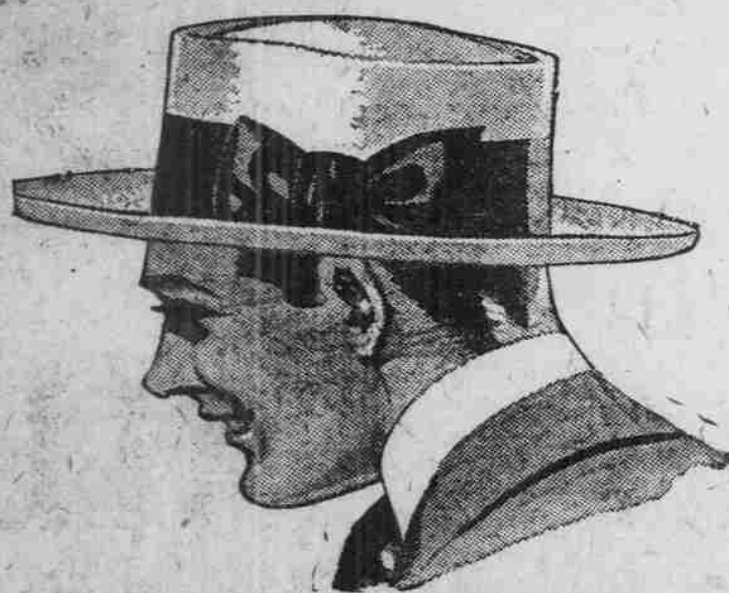


STRAW HATS



Straw Hat Day

How it freshens a man to get under a new straw hat these fine days!

Tunes a fellow up for Summer-time to slip on one of our fine clear straws or one of the new roughish Sennits in advanced style.

In our big broad stocks there is a straw hat for every man—and you don't have to think about quality—our label insures that.

New stiff straws, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4.

New soft straws, leghorns, \$3.50. Javas and Porto Ricans, \$2.00. Knox Milan hats, \$5.00 and \$8.00. Mackinaws \$3.00 and \$3.50.

New Panamas of excellent quality, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

A conservative Summer Oxford for men is our No. 556, in tan only, at \$5.50. A blucher cut Oxford in black, No. 550, is still more comfortable, \$5.50.

"I Must Get My Summer Underwear Soon." The question of fit is paramount when it comes to buying underwear.

A garment too tight here, too loose there, that binds or sags, where it should be comfortable, is without excuse. No patron of ours complains of ill-fitting underwear for we take pains to fit every man perfectly.

Union Suits have the call now—of balbriggan, length, ecrú and white, \$1 to \$2.50. Union suits of Poroknit, \$1.

Famous Rockinchair union suits of soft nainsook, silk mull, silk stripe, madras, silk and cotton mixtures, athletic cut, \$1 to \$3.

Two-piece suits of balbriggan and lisle, and genuine Poroknit 50c and up. Athletic cut shirts and knee drawers, in nainsook, silk Fine lisle, white and ecrú, \$1 and \$1.50.

Aertex, an English cotton mesh, makes comfortable underwear, \$1 to \$2 a garment. Deibel linen mesh, \$3.25 a garment—Union Suits are \$6.50.

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Bridgeport, Conn.

ANNIVERSARIES
OF RING BATTLES

1871—Amos (Mysterious Billy) Smith, former welterweight champion, born in Eastport, Maine. Mysterious Billy tried to pull off a come-back in Portland, Ore., a few months ago, but he found the weight of 44 years too heavy on his shoulders, and was knocked out in the 6th round by an unknown boxer. At that, Billy was once successful in pulling a come-back, and disproved the old theory that when a champion is once defeated he is through for all time. Billy was the first generally recognized title-holder of the welterweight division, winning that honor in 1892 when he defeated Danny Needham in San Francisco. In 1894 he lost his honors to Tommy Ryan, and the welterweight crown was worn by Ryan and Kid McCoy until 1898, when Mysterious Billy again came to the fore, his old rivals having become middleweights. Billy clinched his come-back by whipping Matty Matthews and Joe Walcott in 1898, and Australian Billy Edwards the following year, but lost to Hubs Ferns at Buffalo in 1900. Smith retired in 1903, but since then has occasionally appeared in the ring.

The strike of the 250 laborers employed by the Matthews Construction Co., at Princeton N. J., has ended.

Speaker Champ Clark filed his papers for renomination for Congress from the Ninth Missouri District.

FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY
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TOM HUGHES AND
COUMBE ARE REAL
SURPRISES OF YEAR

Long Tom Hughes of Boston is doing the best pitching in the National and Coumbe of Cleveland is sharing honors with Leonard of the Red Sox in the latest pitching averages. The records of the topnotchers:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Pitcher and club.	W.	L.	Ave.	
Hughes, Boston	3	0	1.000	
Dell, Brooklyn	2	0	1.000	
Pfeffer, Brooklyn	3	1	.750	
Ames, St. Louis	3	1	.750	
McConnell, Chicago	3	1	.750	
Mamaux, Pittsburgh	3	1	.750	
Salles, St. Louis	3	1	.750	
Alexander, Phila.	4	2	.667	
Rudolph, Boston	4	2	.667	
Vaughn, Chicago	4	2	.667	
Coumbe, Brooklyn	2	1	.667	
Demaree, Phila.	2	1	.667	
Cheney, Brooklyn	2	1	.667	
Meadows, St. Louis	2	1	.667	
Dale, Cincinnati	2	1	.667	
Tesreau, New York	3	2	.600	

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Pitcher and club.	W.	L.	Ave.	
Coumbe, Cleveland	4	0	1.000	
Leonard, Boston	4	0	1.000	
Markle, New York	3	0	1.000	
Cullop, New York	2	0	1.000	
Mogridge, New York	2	0	1.000	
Boehler, Detroit	1	0	1.000	
Morton, Cleveland	5	1	.833	
Shawkey, New York	3	1	.750	
Boehling, Wash.	3	1	.750	
J. Bagby, Cleveland	3	1	.750	
W. Johnson, Wash.	5	2	.714	
Keating, New York	0	3	.000	
W. Mitchell, Cleve.	0	4	.000	

MIKE GIBBONS COMES
TO BOX TED LEWIS

New York, May 15—Mike Gibbons, the world's greatest middleweight fighting machine, joined the Broadway colony yesterday for a short stay. Mike has an engagement with the English welter Ted Lewis in Madison Square Garden next Thursday evening. Although Gibbons came many miles to keep this date, he does not believe that it means as much in his young life as the affair does to his opponent.

A short talk with Gibbons brought forth the fact, however, that he does not hold Lewis cheap. He expects to win as a matter of course, but not without considerable effort. Mike is well acquainted with Ted's style and looks for a busy evening.

HUMANE ASSOCIATION
HONORS F. H. DOWNS

F. H. Downs of this city, who is a humane officer, and a director of the Animal Rescue league as well as one of the most active members of the S. P. C. A., has been appointed by the American Humane association of Albany, N. Y., to act as chairman of the Connecticut State committee on "Humane Sunday" and "Be Kind to Animals Week," from May 15 to May 21 inclusive. The society earnestly appeals to the clergy for its co-operation in this work of humanity to give one Sunday in the year to be devoted to the special consideration of animals.

The Humane organizations of this country are behind this movement to make it stand out as a red letter week in the anti-cruelty calendar.

Hacking Coughs

Every time you try to clear your throat by hacking you injure the delicate throat lining and increase irritation and inflammation. Every time you cough, you weaken them. Bring up the phlegm easily and quickly and at the same time soothe and heal your throat by taking Leonard's Cough Syrup (Creosoted). For serious or slight colds or coughs, bronchitis, grippe, whooping cough and croup it will never fail you. It is pure, safe and sure. Best for the children—best for you! Get a bottle today at your druggist—25c. Hindle's Drug Stores, 387 Main street and 909 Main street.—Adv.

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Prosperity Mad

You can carry activity to a point where it means a smash, just as you can carry rest to a point where it means death.

When we are chasing money around a circle, with an eye single to the dollars immediately ahead of us, we are like any other wheel.

Everybody knows that if the wheel keeps on increasing its speed, there is a point where it is bound to fly to pieces.

Individuals and organizations in Bridgeport are chasing dollars just now at a terrific rate because there seems to be so many dollars and they seem easy to get.

Most of us are so intent upon our own individual problems that we haven't time to think of anything else.

And the chief of these problems is: "HOW CAN I MAKE MORE MONEY RIGHT NOW."

This, despite the fact that the people of Bridgeport, manufacturers, merchants, professional men, and those who work with their hands as well as their heads, are making more money each day than they have ever made before in their lives.

The truth is we are a little mad because of our great prosperity.

We have reached a point where we are too busy to live.

It is about time for us to stop and take stock of what we are living for, to think of our homes, of the good women who make them, of our children.

The home is the center of the wheel we call our social organization. Our lives revolve about it.

Any man, any group of men, any organization, that sacrifices the home in the mad whirl to grab the immediate dollar, is guilty of a crime scarcely less wicked than murder.

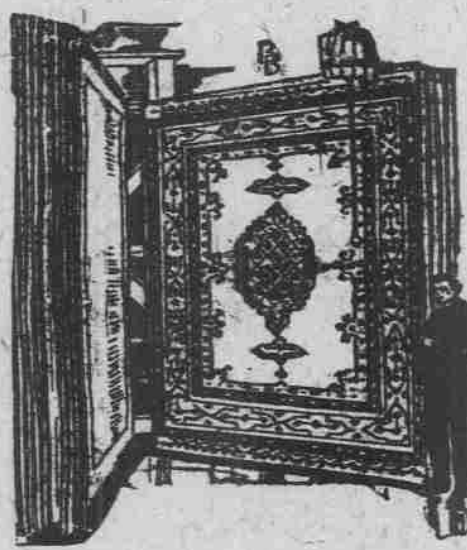
The home is really what we are working for because it is the most real thing in our lives. There are not enough houses in Bridgeport to make homes for those who need them.

Every dollar that is put into a good home, every dollar that goes to make a new home, is a blessing to that home and to the whole city.

We want to make Bridgeport a city that shall be known for its happy homes as well as its manufactures—homes safeguarded by sure prosperity, maintained by workers whose short hours of labor will give them time to enjoy these homes.

Let us make up our minds to be sane, so that we will make prosperity WORK FOR US and not sacrifice ourselves and our families for prosperity.

THE SEEKERS AND THE DODGERS is the next advertisement in this series published by the Build for Bridgeport Movement.

A Chance to Buy Rugs at
Economical Prices

Buy now before they cost more, which they surely will if the war continues. We invite you to come and compare. There are no rugs made to excel our line for wear or coloring. Many are faithful reproductions of Antiques back in the bygone centuries, and the designs and colors are marvels of beauty.

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2—9 x12 Axminster Rug, \$25.00..... Now \$21.00
Come in at once and make choice before they are gone

OUR PRICES ON TAPESTRY BRUSSELS RUGS

6 x 9 price \$ 8.75
7-6x 9 price \$12.50
8-3x10-6 price \$14.75, \$15.75, \$17.50
9 x12 sizes \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$19.50
Axminster Rugs, size 8-3x10-6, \$22, \$25, \$28, \$30
Axminster Rugs, size 9x12 \$25, \$27, \$30, \$33
Wilton Rugs, sizes 8-3x10-6 \$37.50, \$38.75 and \$42.50
Wilton Rugs, sizes 9 x12 \$35.00, \$45.00 and \$51.00

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May 14th, the second Sunday in the month is Mother's Day. There is a continual demand for appropriate Gift Cards and Booklets for various occasions. We are offering new and unique lines in Birthday Greetings, Anniversary too, Charming Baby Cards and Friendly Tokens galore.

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